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- **PRODUCT:** Green Onions (Scallions) (GO)
- **ACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS:** Bunched, fresh green onions, otherwise known as scallions. (The ends of these onions are fairly straight and will not have full, rounded bulbs at the ends.) **Note:** Some Green Onions will come with rubber bands, twist ties, and roots attached. Bag and ship as is. If the variety is easily identified, enter that information in the "Variety" section of the SIF. If the variety is not available, leave the "Variety" field blank. Sample collectors should not confuse the brand or trade name (i.e., Dole™, Libby's™) with variety name on the SIF.
- **UNACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS:** Bulb onions, potato onions, dried onions, leeks, chives, shallots, dried onions.
- **AVAILABILITY:** Year round.
- **SAMPLE SIZE:** Minimum sample size: 200 grams (about 7 ounces) OR 4 bunches.
- **PACKAGING AND SHIPPING:** Samples must remain properly cooled during shipping. Use a sufficient number of ice packs in each shipping container to keep the produce at a refrigerated temperature. Do not freeze samples. Desired temperatures 15° C or less.
- **ETHYLENE PRODUCER/SENSITIVE:** Sensitive.

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